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## **PENN CENTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF DESEGREGATION RULING**

The [Penn Center](#) is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision Friday, May 14, 2004, at the Dataw Island Club in South Carolina. Senior correspondent with National Public Radio, Juan Williams, who authored the critically acclaimed biography "Thurgood Marshall-American Revolutionary," and the nonfiction bestseller "Eyes on the Prize: American's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965" will bring insight into the complex history of the American civil rights struggle and the role of the 1954 *Brown* decision.

As part of the Penn Center celebration, nationally known African-American artist James Denmark has created a commemorative artwork. Signed, limited prints of his vivid collage "1954: One Book, One Room" are available to the public. Proceeds benefit the Penn Center. Call (843) 838-2432 for more information.



## **LOOKING BACK...REACHING FORWARD: EXPLORING THE PROMISE OF *BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION* 50 YEARS LATER**



As the country approaches the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is pleased to announce a new curriculum unit that commemorates *Brown*, explores the history of school desegregation in the U.S., and examines current patterns of resegregation in public schools.

The series of six lesson plans for high school challenges students to investigate whether segregation is a problem that we once lived with or still live with in U.S. schools. In addition to providing factual history, this unit aims to connect past to present, challenge students to reflect on their own beliefs about diversity, and inspire social action in local schools and communities. Visit the [ADL](#) website for the full curriculum unit.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: KEEPING THE PROMISE OF *BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION***

A roundtable discussion cosponsored by The Institute for Educational Leadership, The Century Foundation, and the Center for American Progress will take place Monday, May 10, 2004, at the Sumner School in Washington, DC.

The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, (D-Va.); Wendy Puriefoy, President, Public Education Network; Harold "Bud" Hodgkinson, Demographer and Author; Jeanne Allen, President, Center for Education Reform; John Brittain, Professor of Law, Texas Southern University; Jim Ferg-Cadima, Attorney, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund; Richard D. Kahlenberg, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation; Rossi Ray-Taylor, Executive Director, Minority Student Achievement Network; and David Rusk, Former Mayor, Albuquerque, Author and Consultant will be in attendance. Seating is limited and a capacity crowd is expected.

For more information, contact Christy Hicks of The Century Foundation at (212) 452-7723 or by [e-mail](#).

### **UTAH MARKS *BROWN* 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH MONTH OF EVENTS**

Langston University President, Ernest L. Holloway, will speak at the [NAACP Salt Lake branch's 50th Anniversary of \*Brown v. Board of Education\* Banquet](#) on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. The university in Langston, Oklahoma, was founded in 1897 to provide higher education for African Americans, who were not permitted to enroll at other colleges and universities in Oklahoma Territory.

The Utah State Bar is planning a [host of other events](#) throughout the month of May to commemorate the U.S. Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation. The calendar includes an informational insert in the "Deseret Morning News," several free film screenings, panel discussion, a public TV special and a night at the ballpark. "*Brown* is one of the most important decisions in the history of our country, and we encourage Utahans to discuss its impact on each of us." said former bar president John Adams, who is chairing the association's month long project.

### **MIX MEDIA MENTIONS OF "*BROWN*"....**

Throughout the year, thousands of media outlets will focus on the 50th Anniversary of the 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision. The Commission invites you to read beyond the headlines, such as:

"[Regressing on Integration](#)" Bob Herbert (New York Times)

"[Council Denounces White Supremacist Position](#)" Alicia Henrikson (The Capital-Journal)

### **COMMISSIONER PROFILE**



Commissioner Cheryl Brown Henderson, representing the *Brown* Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research. Ms. Brown Henderson is one of the Daughters of Oliver Brown, for whom the *Brown* decision is named. Ms. Brown Henderson, who holds degrees from Baker University and Emporia State University, an author the recipient of numerous local and national awards.

## INTERESTING *BROWN* LINKS

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